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LEGISLATION ON NONRESIDENT PHYSICIAN LICENSURE

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 541, Relating to Creating a Nonresident Physician License

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PART I

<u>KEY PROVISIONS OF LEGISLATION; COMMITTEE</u> AND JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VOTES

A. 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 541, RELATING TO CREATING A NONRESIDENT PHYSICIAN LICENSE

The bill creates a nonresident physician license that a physician licensed in another state may obtain by submitting proof that he or she has an unrestricted physician's license in another state and paying the fee set forth in the bill. A person holding such a license may practice medicine and surgery from outside this state on a patient in this state (e.g., using telemedicine).

B. COMMITTEE AND JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VOTES

By a mail ballot dated March 29, 1999, the <u>Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues</u> voted to recommend WLCS: 0081/1 to the Joint Legislative Council for introduction in the 1999-2000 Session of the Legislature. The vote on the draft was Ayes, 12 (Reps. Huber, Meyer, Schneider and Wieckert; Sens. Panzer and Shibilski; and Public Members Dentice, Gorski, Rocheleau, Schwartzer, Steiner and Trubek); Noes, 9 (Reps. Urban, Lasee and Seratti; and Public Members Dankle, Knox, Logan, Mielke, Pla and Wickman).

At its September 22, 1999 meeting, the <u>Joint Legislative Council</u> voted to introduce WLCS: 0081/1 by a vote of Ayes, 16 (Sens. Risser, Burke, Chvala, Cowles, Erpenbach, Grobschmidt, Rosenzweig and Zien; and Reps. Kelso, Bock, Freese, Huber, Jensen, Krug, Schneider and Stone); Noes, 3 (Reps. Foti, Gard and Seratti); and Absent, 3 (Sens. Ellis, George and Robson). The proposal was introduced as 1999 Assembly Bill 541.

In addition to introducing 1999 Assembly Bill 541, the Joint Legislative Council previously introduced 1999 Assembly Bills 427 and 428, based on the recommendation of the Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues. Those two bills are described in Legislative Council Report No. 2 to the 1999 Legislature, *Legislation on Confidentiality of Patient Records* (August 17, 1999).

PART II

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

A. ASSIGNMENT

The Joint Legislative Council established the Special Committee and appointed the chairperson by a June 24, 1998 mail ballot. The Special Committee was directed to study issues arising from the electronic transfer of medical information for purposes of medical diagnosis, treatment, consultation and education between health care providers and institutions and other persons in separate locations, in order to provide technologically advanced medical services and to enhance access to otherwise unavailable medical care in rural and underserved areas. Issues to be considered by the Special Committee included regulation of providers (i.e., licensure and discipline), privacy, liability, reimbursement and patient access to enhanced medical services.

The membership of the Special Committee, appointed by a September 4, 1998 mail ballot, consisted of two Senators, seven Representatives and 12 Public Members. A membership list of the Joint Legislative Council is included as **Appendix 1**. A list of the Committee membership is set forth in **Appendix 2**.

B. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

The Special Committee held five meetings at the State Capitol in Madison on the following dates:

October 15, 1998 January 21, 1999 November 19, 1998 February 25, 1999 December 17, 1998

In addition, on December 17, 1998, the Special Committee received a demonstration of telemedicine techniques at the University Hospital and Clinics (University Hospital) prior to its afternoon meeting in the State Capitol.

At the October 15, 1998 meeting, the Special Committee reviewed a Staff Brief and other materials containing information on state laws and practices related to telemedicine. The Special Committee also received testimony from Wayne Austin (Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL)), Sharon Zunker (Department of Corrections), Peter Farrow (Office of the Commissioner of Insurance) and Dr. Richard Carr (Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services). The speakers described the regulation and practice of telemedicine in Wisconsin.

At the <u>November 19, 1998</u> meeting, the Special Committee received testimony from Dr. Gary Wendt (Department of Radiology, University of Wisconsin (UW) Medical School), Dr.

Armond Start (Department of Family Medicine, UW Medical School), Carole Doeppers (American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin), Thomas Neumann (DRL) and Jody McCann (Department of Administration (DOA)). Dr. Wendt and Dr. Start discussed the use of telemedicine procedures both at the UW Medical School and through the delivery of medical care at Wisconsin correctional institutions. Ms. Doeppers discussed privacy concerns that are inherent in the provision of medical services through telecommunications devices. Mr. Neumann described the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact and how Wisconsin nursing practice would be affected if Wisconsin adopts the Compact. Mr. McMann described BadgerNet, a state-implemented telecommunications system that is intended to lower the costs of high-speed telephone, video and data transfer, increase the availability of the high-speed network to remote locations in Wisconsin, shorten the term length of state voice and network contracts, and improve the availability of high-speed video and data connections for Wisconsin educational institutions.

At the <u>December 17, 1998</u> meeting, the Special Committee received a demonstration of telemedicine techniques at the University Hospital and Clinics. Making use of a mock patient, the doctors at the University Hospital and Waupan Correctional Institution examined an inmate and discussed his physical condition. The Special Committee also received a demonstration involving a video link between the University Hospital and the Gunderson Lutheran/La Crosse Clinic. The physicians conducted a tumor board. At the afternoon session of its meeting, the Special Committee received testimony from Gary Evenson, Public Service Commission (PSC), regarding the Universal Service Fund program and the amount of funding available under the program for telemedicine services. Finally, the members of the Special Committee discussed a series of issues to address at future meetings.

At the <u>January 21, 1999</u> meeting, the Special Committee received testimony from Phil Hodapp, DOA, regarding Internet security and electronic signature issues. The Special Committee also considered a summary of recommendations offered for Committee discussion and examined issues such as licensure of an individual providing medical services through telecommunications, the care of patients receiving services through telecommunications and privacy of medical records. The Special Committee also reviewed ongoing regulation of prescriptions over the Internet, health insurance coverage for telemedicine services and expenditures from the PSC's Universal Service Fund.

At the February 25, 1999 meeting, the Special Committee approved letters to the Medical Examining Board (MEB) and other health-related licensing boards in DRL to encourage the review and revision of current licensing procedures and standards of conduct in accordance with the burgeoning practice of telemedicine. Another letter was approved to the MEB, Pharmacy Examining Board, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Department of Justice requesting these agencies to ensure that certain medication is not prescribed to Wisconsin residents over the Internet. Finally, the Special Committee approved a letter to the Joint Committee on Finance that requested an allocation of \$500,000 to fund telecommunications equipment purchases for underserved nonprofit clinics. (The Joint Committee on Finance subsequently approved a motion to include \$500,000 per year in the 1999-2001 Biennial Budget Bill to provide assistance to nonprofit medical clinics and public health agencies to purchase telecommunications equipment.) Copies of the three letters are included in **Appendix 3**.

At its February 25, 1999 meeting, the Special Committee also approved WLCS: 0032/1, to create a more expansive definition of the term "record" in statutes dealing with confidentiality of health care records, and WLCS: 0052/2, to increase and make uniform civil and criminal penalties for disclosure of protected health care records. The two drafts relating to confidentiality of records were introduced by the Joint Legislative Council at its May 26, 1999 meeting and introduced as Assembly Bills 427 and 428. The Special Committee also discussed a number of variations regarding licensure and proposed three bill drafts to be considered by the members through a mail ballot. By a mail ballot dated March 29, 1999, the Special Committee approved WLCS: 0081/1, relating to creating a nonresident physician license. WLCS: 0081/1 was approved by the Joint Legislative Council at its September 22, 1999 meeting and introduced as Assembly Bill 541.

C. STAFF MATERIALS AND OTHER MATERIALS

Appendix 4 lists all of the materials received by the Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues. In addition to these listed materials, Legislative Council Staff prepared several bill drafts for the Special Committee and a summary of each of the Special Committee meetings. The following document, prepared by the Legislative Council Staff, may be of particular interest to persons interested in the work of the Committee:

• Staff Brief 98-7, Wisconsin Laws and Other Information Relating to Telemedicine (October 8, 1998).

PART III

BACKGROUND; DESCRIPTION OF BILL

This Part of the Report provides background information on, and a description of, Assembly Bill 541, which was recommended by the Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues and introduced by the Joint Legislative Council.

A. BACKGROUND

The Special Committee discussed licensure requirements for persons who practice medicine by use of telemedicine from outside Wisconsin on a patient who is located in Wisconsin. Current law provides that no person may practice medicine and surgery, or attempt to do so or make a representation as authorized to do so, without a license to practice medicine and surgery granted by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (MEB). Current law provides an exception for actual consultation or demonstration by licensed physicians of other states or countries with licensed physicians of this state. To receive a license to practice medicine and surgery, a person must satisfy the educational and examination requirements set forth in current law and pay the fee specified by law, which is \$110 per biennium.

The Committee voted on three drafts for licensure of out-of-state physicians by a mail ballot dated March 29, 1999. WLCS: 0079/1 would have allowed a person licensed in another state to practice medicine and surgery in this state without being licensed by the MEB. WLCS: 0080/1 would have allowed a person licensed in another state to practice medicine and surgery from outside Wisconsin on a patient in Wisconsin without being licensed by the MEB (e.g., through telemedicine). Under both of those drafts, a license or other credential by the MEB would not be necessary to practice. Both of those drafts were rejected by the Special Committee.

B. DESCRIPTION OF BILL

The third draft, which became Assembly Bill 541, creates a nonresident physician license. Under the bill, the Wisconsin MEB is required to issue such a license to any person who submits proof that he or she has an unrestricted physician's license in another state and pays the fee set forth in the draft (\$55 per biennium), which is 1/2 the fee otherwise paid by physicians. Other current statutory licensing requirements are made inapplicable to nonresident physicians. A person holding a nonresident physician license may practice medicine and surgery only from outside this state on a patient in this state, regardless of the physician's means of communication (e.g., through telemedicine). "State" is defined in the statutes to include the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and U.S. territories. The bill does not change the current law that allows physicians licensed in another state or country to consult with a Wisconsin physician.

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STUDY ASSIGNMENT: The Committee is directed to study issues arising from the electronic transfer of medical information for purposes of medical diagnosis, treatment, consultation and education between health care providers and institutions and other persons in separate locations, in order to provide technologically advanced medical services and to enhance access to otherwise unavailable medical care in rural and underserved areas. Issues to be considered by the Special Committee include regulation of providers (i.e., licensure and discipline), privacy, liability, reimbursement and patient access to enhanced medical services. The Special Committee shall report its recommendations to the Joint Legislative Council by May 1, 1999. [Based on a May 7, 1998 letter from Reps. Frank Urban, Scott Jensen, Gregg Underheim, Sheldon Wasserman, Robert Goetsch, David Cullen, Frank Lasee, Doris Hanson, Mark Meyer and James Baumgart.]

Established and Chairperson appointed by a June 24, 1998 mail ballot; members appointed by a September 4, 1998 mail ballot.

21 MEMBERS: 2 Senators; 7 Representatives; and 12 Public Members.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF: Richard Sweet, Senior Staff Attorney; Ron Sklansky, Senior Staff Attorney; Dan Schmidt, Analyst; and Tracey Uselman, Administrative Staff.

APPENDIX 3

LETTERS REGARDING NONSTATUTORY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Dear Chairpersons:

This letter is written on behalf of the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues. The Committee is directed to study issues arising from the electronic transfer of medical information for purposes of medical diagnosis, treatment, consultation and education between health care providers and institutions and other persons in separate locations, in order to provide technologically advanced medical services and to enhance access to otherwise unavailable medical care in rural and underserved areas. The Committee is considering

such issues as regulation of providers, privacy, liability, reimbursement and patient access to enhanced medical services.

In light of the burgeoning practice of telemedicine in Wisconsin and throughout the United States, the Committee requests that your board review and revise current licensing procedures and standards of conduct in accordance with the current practice of telemedicine. It is of particular concern to the Committee that patients receiving health care services through a telecommunication device or devices not be left unattended or under the care of an individual who is not able to provide immediate medical attention, if necessary. It is also important to the Committee that the development of technical standards, which will ensure the privacy and security of medical data and the quality of transmissions, are established in compliance with currently accepted standards in the health care fields.

In addition to a review of current procedures relative to telemedicine, the Committee urges your board to continue to monitor the progress of telemedicine in an effort to provide periodic upgrading of procedural and technical standards for this rapidly developing field. I would appreciate a response indicating how your board intends to address these issues associated with the practice of telemedicine.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Representative Frank Urban, Chairperson Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues

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Dear Attorney General Doyle, Secretary Brancel, Dr. Hoberg and Mr. Luce:

This letter is written on behalf of the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues. The Committee is directed to study issues arising from the electronic transfer of medical information for purposes of medical diagnosis, treatment, consultation and education between health care providers and institutions and other persons in separate locations, in order to provide technologically advanced medical services and to enhance access to otherwise unavailable medical care in rural and underserved areas. The Committee is considering such issues as regulation of providers, privacy, liability, reimbursement and patient access to enhanced medical services.

The concern that the Committee would like to bring to your attention is the use of the Internet to prescribe and sell medication, particularly Viagra, to persons who do not already have a prescription for the medication and who do not establish a legitimate physician/patient or other provider/patient relationship with the operator of the Internet website. One such website is operated by WorldWideMedicine, Inc., with the address of "http://www.worldwidemedicine.com". The site offers an online consultation, described as follows:

There is a fee of \$85 for this online consultation. An area at the bottom of the form in **Part 1** is provided so that you may enter

your credit card information. Your medical history and patient profile will be reviewed by one of our physicians. These doctors are members of the WorldWide Physicians Association. If required, we will direct you to a member in your area/state/country.

The website does not indicate that there is any direct contact required between the physician and the patient, either in person or by telephone or other means. This is of concern to the Committee and we would appreciate your agencies working together to investigate whether any Wisconsin laws have been violated regarding unauthorized practice of medicine, unauthorized practice of pharmacy or consumer protection.

There is an additional notation on the WorldWide Medicine website that states as follows:

We are unable to fill prescriptions for anyone living in Nevada, Wyoming or Connecticut at this time.

If you ascertain any violation of Wisconsin law by operation of this website or prescribing Viagra, we request that you contact the operators of the website and direct them to also include the State of Wisconsin in the notation.

The Committee also requests that you determine whether there are other websites that operate in a similar fashion and that may have violated one or more Wisconsin laws. If there are such websites, we would like you to attempt to bring them into compliance with Wisconsin law. In addition, the Committee requests that you monitor the Internet on a continuous basis to determine whether there are any websites operating in violation of Wisconsin laws that relate to unauthorized practice of medicine, unauthorized practice of pharmacy or consumer protection.

Please note that the Committee is not raising any concerns with regard to patients in Wisconsin who have a prescription and purchase their medication from out-of-state pharmacies. Rather, the Committee is concerned about patients in Wisconsin who do not have a prescription and obtain a prescription through the Internet without the establishment of a legitimate relationship between the patient and a person authorized to prescribe medication.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance and I look forward to receiving your response to the recommendations in this letter.

Sincerely,

Representative Frank Urban, Chairperson Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues

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Senator Brian Burke, Cochairperson Joint Finance Committee Room 316 South State Capitol Madison, WI 53701 Representative John Gard, Cochairperson Joint Finance Committee Room 315 North State Capitol Madison, WI 53701

Dear Cochairpersons Burke and Gard:

This letter is written on behalf of the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues. The Committee is directed to study issues arising from the electronic transfer of medical information for purposes of medical diagnosis, treatment, consultation and education between health care providers and institutions and other persons in separate locations, in order to provide technologically advanced medical services and to enhance access to otherwise unavailable medical care in rural and underserved areas. The Committee is considering such issues as regulation of providers, privacy, liability, reimbursement and patient access to enhanced medical services.

At its meeting on December 17, 1998, the Committee received testimony from Mr. Gary Evenson, of the Public Service Commission, regarding the Universal Service Fund program. Mr. Evenson stated that the purpose of the Universal Service Fund, in part, is to promote affordable access to telecommunications. However, he indicated that while there is an \$8 million annual appropriation of program revenue for the Universal Service Fund, the Public Service Commission has not expended nearly the amount appropriated. For example, Mr. Evenson stated that with respect to the Institutional Discount Program, \$750,000 at most will be spent in the next three years. According to Mr. Evenson, this may be due to a lack of awareness of the programs and its benefits.

In view of the unexpended balance in the Universal Service Fund and the relative obscurity in which the program operates, the Committee urges the Public Service Commission to actively promote the Universal Service Fund program and to seek out applicants who wish to improve the services that telemedicine can provide. The Universal Service Fund should be

actively promoted to achieve the results intended by the Legislature when it enacted amendments to ch. 196, Stats., affecting the telecommunications industry. In addition, it appears that the lack of interest in the Universal Service Fund funding and the Institutional Discount Program specifically, has induced the Governor to eliminate the Institutional Discount Program in its entirety.

The Committee on Telemedicine Issues believes that Universal Service Fund moneys should continue to be used to further the goals of advancing health care through telecommunications. The Committee proposes that the Joint Committee on Finance add a section to ch. 196, Stats., creating a program to provide telecommunications equipment discounts for nonprofit clinics and public health agencies. We further recommend that the Committee provide \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the 1999-2001 biennium to fund this program.

If maintaining \$500,000 for this is not a viable alternative, the Committee requests that the Joint Committee on Finance increase Universal Service Fund assessments to telecommunications providers by \$500,000 to provide funds for this program.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Representative Frank Urban Chairperson, Special Committee on Telemedicine Issues

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cc: Governor Tommy Thompson
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Robert Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Gary Evenson, Assistant Administrator,
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Commission

COMMITTEE MATERIALS

Staff Materials

- 1. Staff Brief 98-7, Wisconsin Laws and Other Information Relating to Telemedicine (October 8, 1998).
- 2. Memo No. 1, Federal Legislation Relating to Privacy of Medical Information (December 14, 1998).
- 3. Memo No. 2, Summary of Recommendations Offered for Committee Discussion (January 14, 1999).
- 4. Memo No. 3, Attached State Statutes Related to Confidentiality of Health Care Records (February 10, 1999).
 - 5. Memo No. 4, Description of Drafts Submitted for Mail Ballot (March 29, 1999).
- 6. Letter, from Representative Frank Urban, Chairperson, to various examining boards in the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) (March 9, 1999).
- 7. Letter, from Representative Frank Urban, Chairperson, to Attorney General James E. Doyle; Secretary Ben Brancel, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Dr. Glenn Hoberg, Chairperson, Medical Examining Board; and Daniel Luce, Chairperson, Pharmacy Examining Board (March 19, 1999).
- 8. Letter, from Representative Frank Urban, Chairperson, to Senator Brian Burke and Representative John Gard, Cochairpersons, Joint Committee on Finance (April 19, 1999).

Other Materials

- 1. 1997 Assembly Bill 855, relating to licensing requirements for nonresident physician consultants (undated).
- 2. A Model Act to Regulate the Practice of Medicine Across State Lines: An Introduction and Rationale, by the Ad Hoc Committee on Telemedicine, Federation Bulletin (1996).
- 3. Gobis, Linda, An Overview of State Laws and Approaches to Minimize Licensure Barriers (undated).
 - 4. "Telemedicine: Promising Tool or Pandora's Box?," WMJ (January 1998).
 - 5. Testimony submitted by Wayne R. Austin, DRL (October 15, 1998).
- 6. Testimony submitted by Richard Carr, Chief Medical Officer, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) (October 15, 1998).

- 7. Testimony submitted by Peter Farrow, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Insurance (October 15, 1998).
- 8. Overview of Telemedicine Project in DOC, submitted by Department of Corrections (DOC) (undated).
- 9. *Use of Telemedicine Technology in Correctional Facilities*, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, submitted by the DOC (undated).
 - 10. "A Cyber Revolt in Health Care," Business Week (October 19, 1998).
- 11. *WiscRisk*, a quarterly publication of the State of Wisconsin Patients Compensation Fund (Fall 1998).
- 12. Recommendations for Telemedicine Practices, Physicians Insurance Association of America (1998).
- 13. Letter and attached statements from David A. Goodman, M.D., Medical Director, Concentra Medical Centers (October 5, 1998).
- 14. Four items submitted by Tom Neumann, Wisconsin Board of Nursing, and Immediate Past President of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing:
 - a. *Interstate Compact on Nurse Licensure, Questions and Answers*, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (May 1998).
 - b. Boards of Nursing Adopt Revolutionary Change for Nursing: Mutual Recognition Model of Nursing Regulation, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (August 25, 1997).
 - c. Why is National Council Considering Mutual Recognition as a New Model for Nurse Licensure?, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, (January 1998).
 - d. Utah is First to Adopt Into Law the Concept of Mutual Recognition for Nursing Regulation, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (April 3, 1998).
- 15. Carrington, Catherine, "Keeping Data Safe: New HIPAA Regs Hit Hard," *Telehealth Magazine* (October 1998).
 - 16. "ACR Standard for Teleradiology," American College of Radiology (1998).
- 17. Correspondence Memorandun, from Marlene Cummings, Secretary, DRL (November 13, 1998) and attached report, *Telehealth Conference Report*, DRL (December 1998).
- 18. Slides submitted by Gary Wendt, M.D., Director of Radiology Information Systems, Department of Radiology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (undated).

- 19. Overheads submitted by Jody McCann, Department of Administration, DOA (November 19, 1998).
 - 20. Nurse Licensure Compact, Articles I-XI (November 6, 1998).
- 21. Telemedicine Consultation--A Win-Win Situation, Pilot Project Linking UWHC and the Medical Clinic at the Waupun Correctional Institution (undated).
- 22. Telemedicine System Enhances Inmate Healthcare While Saving Money and Increasing Public Safety (undated).
- 23. Letter, from Carole M. Doeppers, Director, Wisconsin Data Privacy Project, American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin (November 18, 1998).
 - 24. Agenda, UW Health Telemedicine Demonstration (December 17, 1998).
- 25. Letter, from Carl Eisenberg and Scott Novogoratz, Advanced Healthcare, S.C., Support Services Center (undated).
 - 26. Handout, submitted by Gary A. Evenson, Public Service Commission (undated).
- 27. Draft Statement on Telemedicine, prepared by the Center for Public Representation (December 1998).
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